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ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on January 12, 2009. A review of the application revealed that it is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the Examiner to address the following matter(s) requiring attention prior to docketing.

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S ANSWER

Appellant filed an Amendment in response to Examiner's Answer dated December 8, 2008. Appellant elects to reopen prosecution under 37 CFR §1.111. The Examiner is required to reopen prosecution.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the Examiner to:

- 1) reopen prosecution as requested by Appellant; and
- 2) for such further action as may be appropriate.

If there are any questions pertaining to this Order, please contact the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences at 571-272-9797.

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